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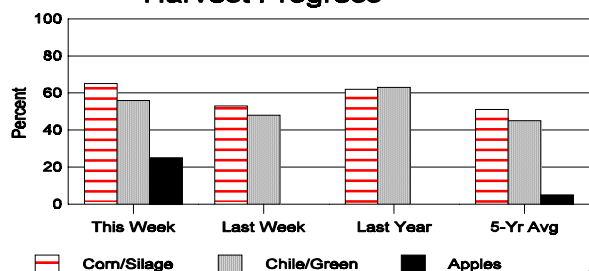
CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 2, 2001

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.7 days suitable for field work. Main farm activities included irrigating, cutting and baling hay and harvesting vegetables, green chile, and corn silage. Alfalfa growers reported army worm activity as the 5th cutting was 82% complete and the 6th cutting 29% complete. Cotton and corn were listed in mostly fair to excellent condition with 48% of the cotton crop opening bolls and 43% of the corn crop matured. The sorghum crop was in very poor to good condition with 90% of the crop headed and 30% turning color. Wheat planting continued with 36% planted to date, as planting of lettuce neared completion. The state's peanut crop declined slightly and was in mostly fair to good condition. Green chile harvest was in full swing with 56% of the crop harvested. Ranchers began to market their calves and were looking to cull more than usual due to the dry pasture conditions. Pasture and range feed looked to be a bit short going into the winter with conditions reported to be 13% very poor, 33% poor, 35% fair, and 19% good.

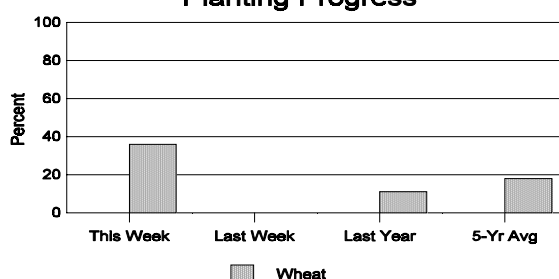
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
SORGHUM (All)	Coloring	30	16	30	20
COTTON	Bolls Opening	48	47	47	37
APPLES	Harvested	25	—	0	5
WHEAT	Planted	36	--	11	18
CORN	Mature	43	35	43	14
	Harvest/Silage	65	53	62	51
CHILE	Harvested-Green	56	48	63	45

Harvest Progress



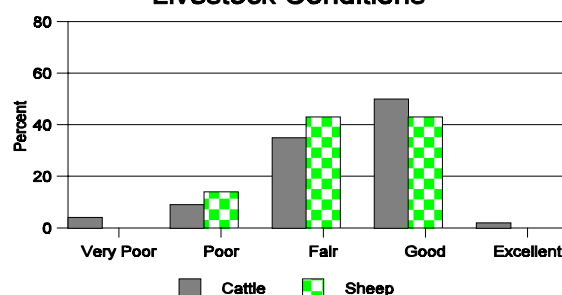
Planting Progress



CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

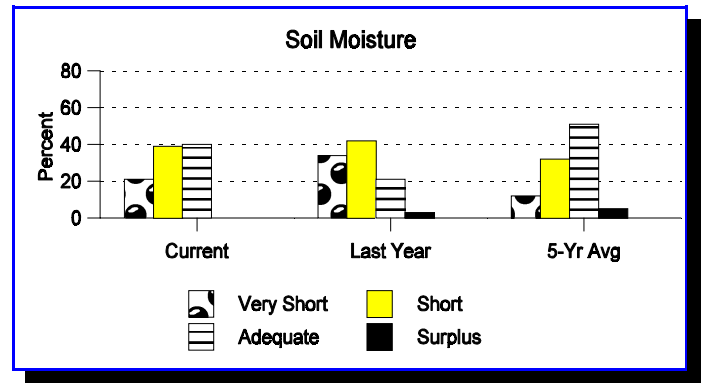
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	—	5	24	62	9
Apples	—	61	37	2	--
Chile	—	14	35	35	16
Corn	--	—	41	45	14
Cotton	--	1	33	46	20
Lettuce	--	—	19	23	58
Peanuts	—	—	62	37	1
Pecans	--	—	28	43	29
Sorghum (All)	22	13	36	28	1
Cattle	4	9	35	50	2
Sheep	--	14	43	43	--

Livestock Conditions



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	--	45	55	--
Northeast	27	40	33	--
Southwest	--	53	47	--
Southeast	37	26	37	--
State	21	39	40	--
State-Last Year	34	42	21	3
State-5-Yr Avg.	12	32	50	5



WEATHER SUMMARY

New Mexico experienced a typical, late-summer week, with temperatures fairly close to normal at most locations. The statewide average was between 1 and 2 degrees above normal. About two-thirds of the reporting locations received some measurable rainfall. Greatest totals included 1.87 inches at Raton and .78 inches at Red River.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 2, 2001

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	08/27 09/02	09/01 09/02	Normal Sep	01/01 09/02	Normal Jan-Sep
Carlsbad	78.6	99	64	T	0.00	2.75	5.00	10.74
Hobbs	78.4	101	62	0.00	0.00	2.60	5.69	13.96
Roswell	76.1	97	60	0.09	0.00	1.87	6.98	10.64
Clayton	71.3	90	55	0.19	0.00	1.77	9.09	13.38
Clovis	72.7	92	57	T	0.00	2.16	10.49	14.90
Roy	68.7	88	54	0.00	0.00	1.90	8.40	13.74
Tucumcari	73.0	93	56	0.02	0.00	1.47	13.14	12.45
Chama	60.2	85	39	0.12	0.00	2.23	15.89	16.13
Johnson Ranch	64.7	92	41	0.00	0.00	1.33	5.83	9.05
Capulin	61.8	82	42	0.24	0.00	2.22	10.91	15.30
Las Vegas	64.5	82	47	0.12	0.00	2.07	9.53	14.85
Los Alamos	63.3	81	48	0.23	0.03	2.12	11.97	15.30
Raton	64.1	84	42	1.87	0.00	1.61	11.41	14.64
Santa Fe	65.1	89	44	0.42	0.00	1.51	8.38	11.54
Red River	54.1	76	34	0.78	0.00	1.66	17.95	16.69
Farmington	73.3	94	52	T	0.00	0.97	4.99	6.33
Gallup	65.4	92	41	T	0.00	1.31	8.41	9.67
Grants	66.0	92	43	0.01	0.01	1.56	5.94	8.51
Silver City	68.8	90	51	0.13	0.00	2.22	9.17	12.86
Quemado	62.5	80	45	0.52	0.00	1.43	7.48	9.01
Albuquerque	74.9	94	59	0.11	0.00	1.00	4.93	7.06
Carrizozo	71.3	90	51	0.47	0.00	1.88	6.29	10.12
Gran Quivera	67.8	88	51	0.36	0.20	1.95	6.25	12.74
Moriarty	65.9	93	42	0.00	0.00	1.61	8.24	10.67
Ruidoso	62.1	80	44	0.40	0.00	2.50	11.92	17.53
Socorro	72.4	92	52	0.04	0.00	1.53	7.48	7.37
Alamogordo	76.9	97	59	0.00	0.00	1.99	0.01	9.91
Animas	76.1	97	58	0.00	0.00	1.68	6.87	8.76
Deming	77.8	95	56	T	0.00	1.63	5.33	8.11
T or C	76.6	95	58	0.45	0.00	1.08	6.49	7.67
Las Cruces	78.4	95	61	0.43	0.00	1.36	4.31	7.28

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

NEW MEXICO: The August alfalfa hay price, at \$125.00 per ton, was \$4.00 above July and \$9.00 above last year's price of \$114.00. The all hay price, at \$123.00 per ton, was also \$4.00 above last month. Cow prices increased \$1.70 in August to \$47.20 per cwt. This was \$5.10 above last year at the same time, and was \$3.80 above the U.S. average. Steer and heifer prices, at \$84.90 per cwt., were \$1.70 below last month, but \$1.60 above last year. This price was \$11.20 above the U.S. average. Calf prices, at \$97.10, were 50 cents above last month but 40 cents below last year. The New Mexico calf price was \$8.90 less than the U.S. average. Milk prices were \$16.20 per cwt. in August, 40 cents above last month and \$3.60 cents above last May. The U.S. average was \$16.30 per cwt. in May.

Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, July 2001 and August 2001-00.

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S.
		Aug 2000	July 2001	Aug 2001 ^{1/}	Aug ^{1/}
-----Dollars-----					
CROPS					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	--	--	--	3.58
Cotton, Upland	Lb	--	--	--	.435
Potatoes	Cwt	--	--	--	7.43
Hay, all baled	Ton	114.00	119.00	123.00	97.70
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	116.00	121.00	125.00	105.00
Peanuts	Lb	--	--	--	
Corn	Bu	--	--	--	1.93
Wheat, all	Bu	--	--	--	2.70
LIVESTOCK					
Sheep	Cwt	---	---	---	32.40 ^{2/}
Lambs	Cwt	---	---	---	65.00 ^{2/}
Cows	Cwt	42.10	45.50	47.20	43.40
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	83.30	86.60	84.90	73.70
Calves	Cwt	97.50	96.60	97.10	106.00
Milk	Cwt	12.60	15.80	16.20	16.30

^{1/} Mid-month. ^{2/} Previous month - entire month.

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Wheat. All wheat production is forecast at 1.98 billion bushels, up 1% from the July forecast but down 11% from last year. Based on conditions as of August 1, the U.S. yield is forecast at 40.2 bushels per acre. The World Agricultural Outlook Board (WAOB) projected 2001/02 U.S. ending stocks up 6 million bushels from July because of larger winter wheat production. The projected price range for 2001/02 is \$2.70 to \$3.30 per bushel compared to \$2.62 for the 2000 crop. The WAOB 2001/02 global projected ending stocks are down 17% from the previous year.

Corn. The August forecast for 2001 corn production is 9.27 billion bushels, down 7% from last year. U.S. yields are expected to average 133.9 bushels per acre, down 3.2 bushels from last year. A market year average price between \$1.90 and \$2.30 per bushel is expected compared to \$1.85 for the 2000 crop.

WAOB projected global production and ending stocks for the 2001/02 crop year are expected to be down 1% and 21% from the 2000/01 crop year, respectively. The U.S. corn crop was rated 54% good to excellent as of August 19th compared to 69% a year earlier.

Cotton. The U.S. cotton production is forecasted at a record high 20.0 million 480-pound bales, up 16% from last year. The yield is expected to average 670 pounds per acre, up 38 pounds from the previous year. The 2001/02 world cotton situation reflects larger production and slightly lower consumption, with WAOB forecast ending stocks at 41.5 million bales, up 9% from 2000.

Other Crops. The U.S. August **Durum wheat** forecast, at 91.8 million bushels, is down 2% from last month, and 16% below last year. The August

Other Spring wheat production is forecast at 508 million bushels, down 1% from a month ago and 8% below a year ago. **Grain Sorghum** is forecast at 544 million bushels, up 16% from 2000. **Barley** production is forecast at 266 million bushels, up 1% from July but down 16% from 2000. The **peanut crop** is expected to be up 12% from last year, **dry edible bean** production down 17%, **tobacco** production down 4%, **alfalfa hay** production virtually unchanged from 2000, and **other hay** production up 9%.

Cattle. At mid-August, prices for choice steers (Nebraska direct, 1100-1300 pounds) averaged \$71 per cwt. Feeder steer prices (Oklahoma City, medium-large frame, 750-800 pounds) were around \$90 per cwt in mid-August, down \$3 from mid-July.

July **milk production** was down 1.2% from the previous year. Production per cow increased 0.4%, however, the number of cows decreased 0.9%. The **cheddar cheese price** (U.S. 40 pound blocks, wholesale) was down the first two weeks of August. During June, total **cheese** production was 1.7% below the previous year, **butter** production was down 1.1% and **nonfat dry milk** production was up 3.2%.

Trade. August U.S. **trade projections** for corn, rice,

and pork improved while 2000/2001 export prospects for soybeans declined, compared with last month. Wheat, cotton, beef, broilers, and turkeys were unchanged from July. August projections for the volume of exports for the 2000/2001 marketing year compared to 1999/2000 are: **wheat** down 1%; **corn** up 7%; **rice** up slightly; **soybeans** unchanged; **soybean meal** down 2%; **soybean oil** up 66%; and **cotton** up 34%. August projections for the volume of meat exports in calendar 2001 compared to 2000 are: **beef** up 6%; **pork** down 8%; **broilers** up 2%; and **turkeys** up 1%. The **U.S. trade** deficit for goods and services increased to \$29.4 billion in June, from a revised \$28.5 billion in May. The **U.S. agricultural trade** surplus was \$847.1 million in June, compared with \$797.5 million in May.

Prices. The rate of **inflation**, as monitored by the CPI for all urban consumers, decreased 0.3% in July but has increased 2.7% over the last 12 months. The **PPI** decreased 0.9% in July, but has increased 1.5% for the 12-month period ending in July. The July **prime rate**, averaging 6.75%, was down from 6.98% in June. Compared to a year earlier, **feed** prices in July were up 1%; **feeder livestock and poultry** prices were up 5%; **fertilizers** were up 21%; **ag chemicals** up 2%; **farm machinery** up 3%; **seeds** up 7% and **fuels** down 2%.